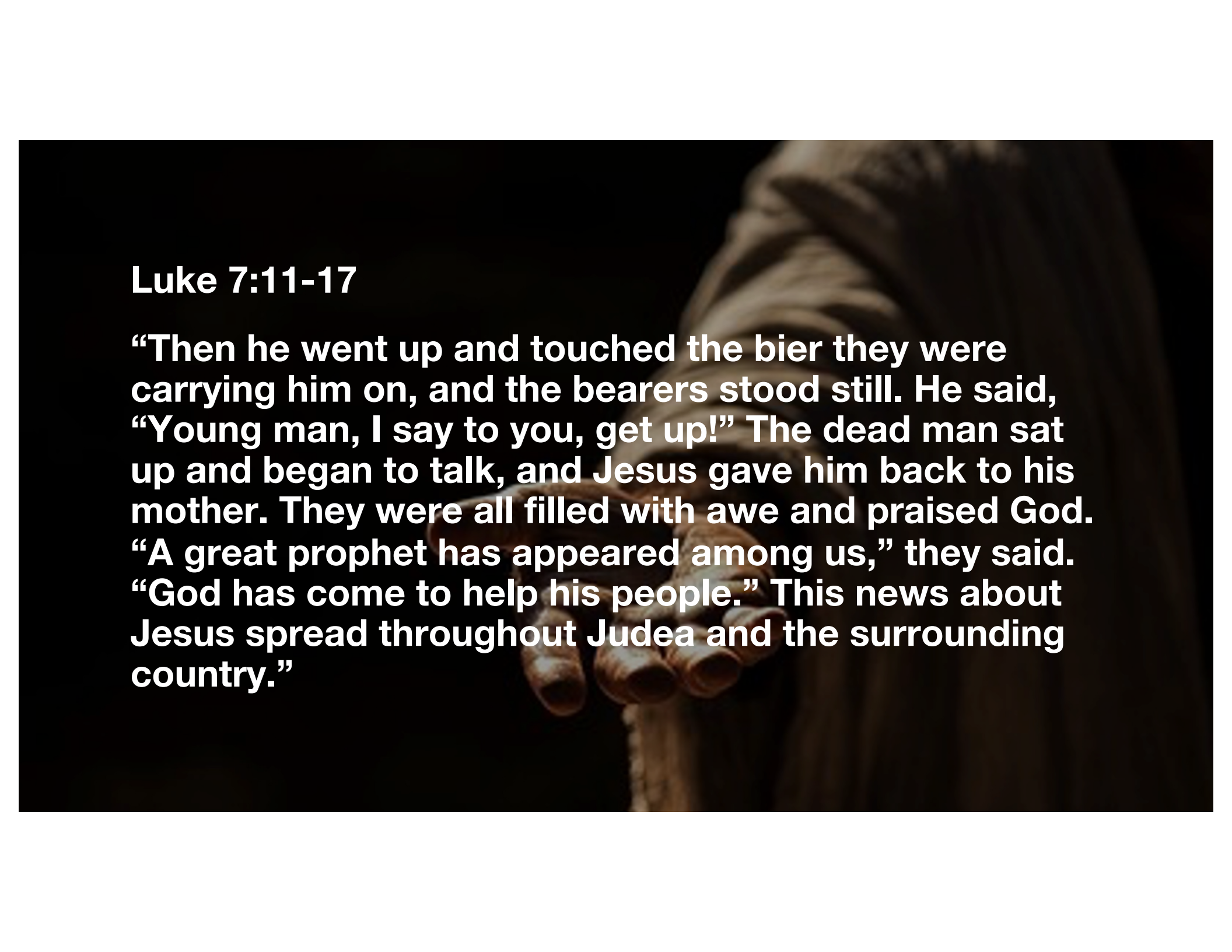
A dramatic sunset scene with silhouettes of hands reaching towards each other. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and purple. In the foreground, a dark, jagged silhouette of a rock or cliff edge is visible on the left. Two hands are reaching towards each other in the center: one from the upper left, reaching down, and another from the lower right, reaching up. The hands are silhouetted against the bright sky. The overall mood is one of hope, connection, and reaching for a goal.

The Heart of the Mission



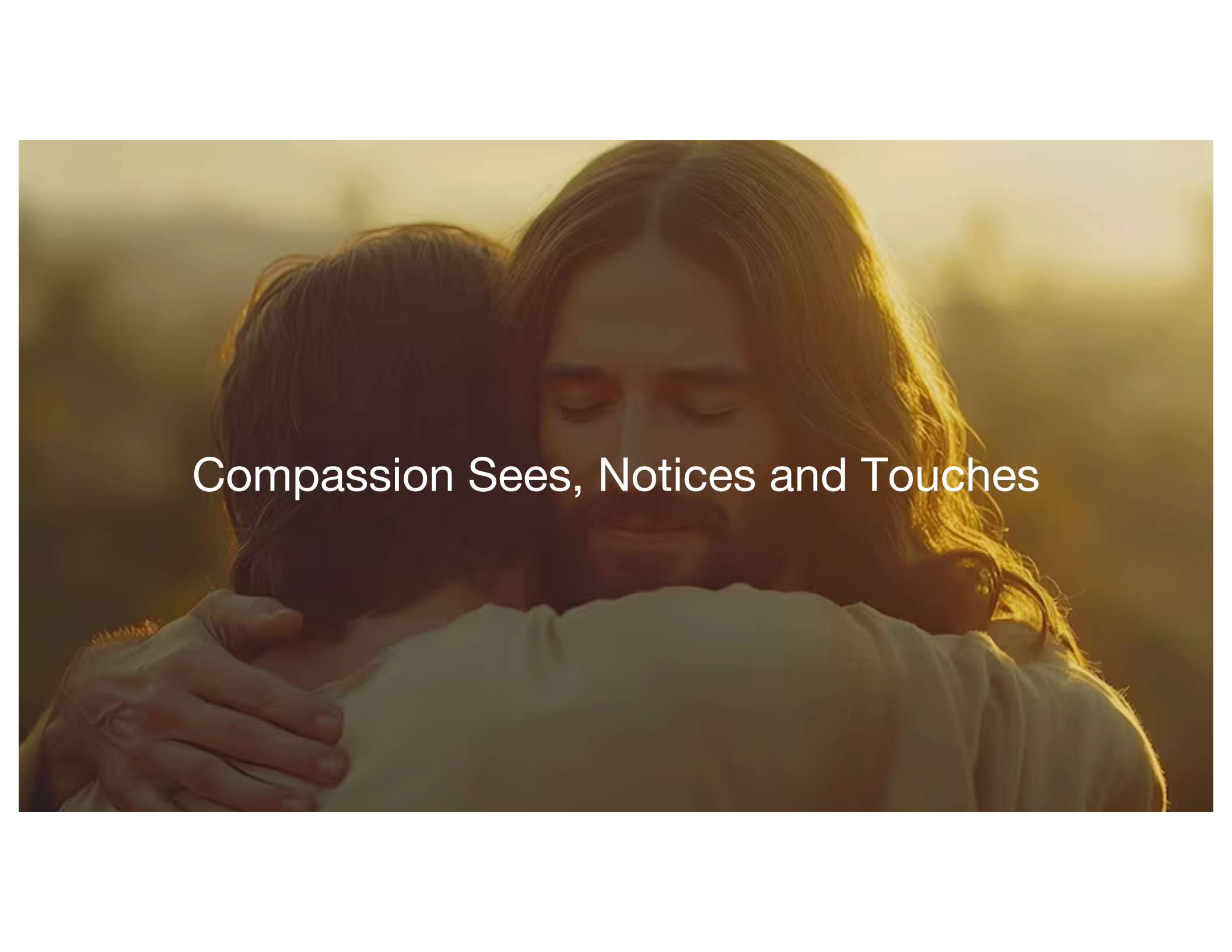
Luke 7:11-17

“Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.””



Luke 7:11-17

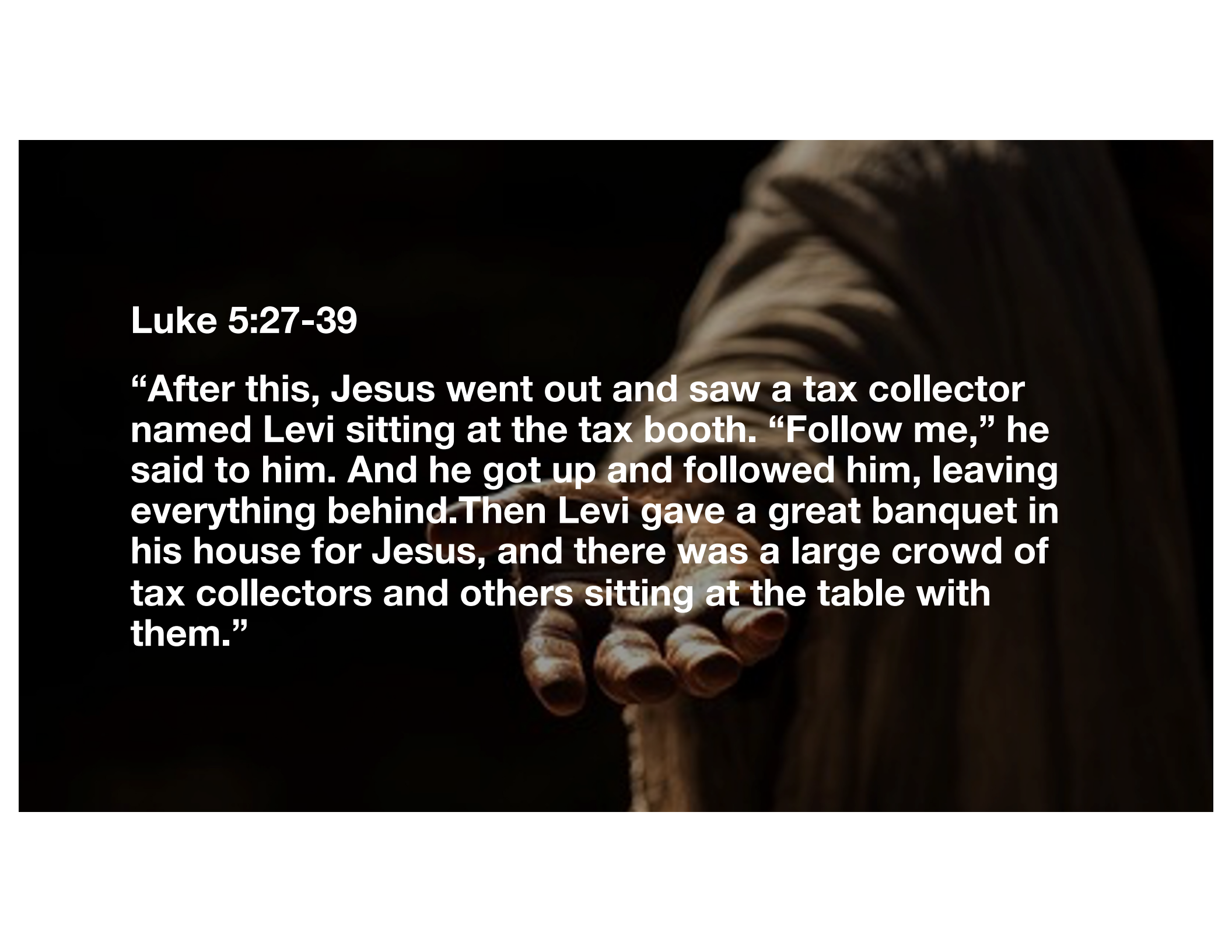
“Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.”

A close-up photograph of a man with long, wavy brown hair and a beard, seen from the chest up. He is hugging a woman from behind. The woman's dark hair is visible on the left, and her back is to the camera. The man's eyes are closed, and he has a gentle smile. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is intimate and tender.

Compassion Sees, Notices and Touches

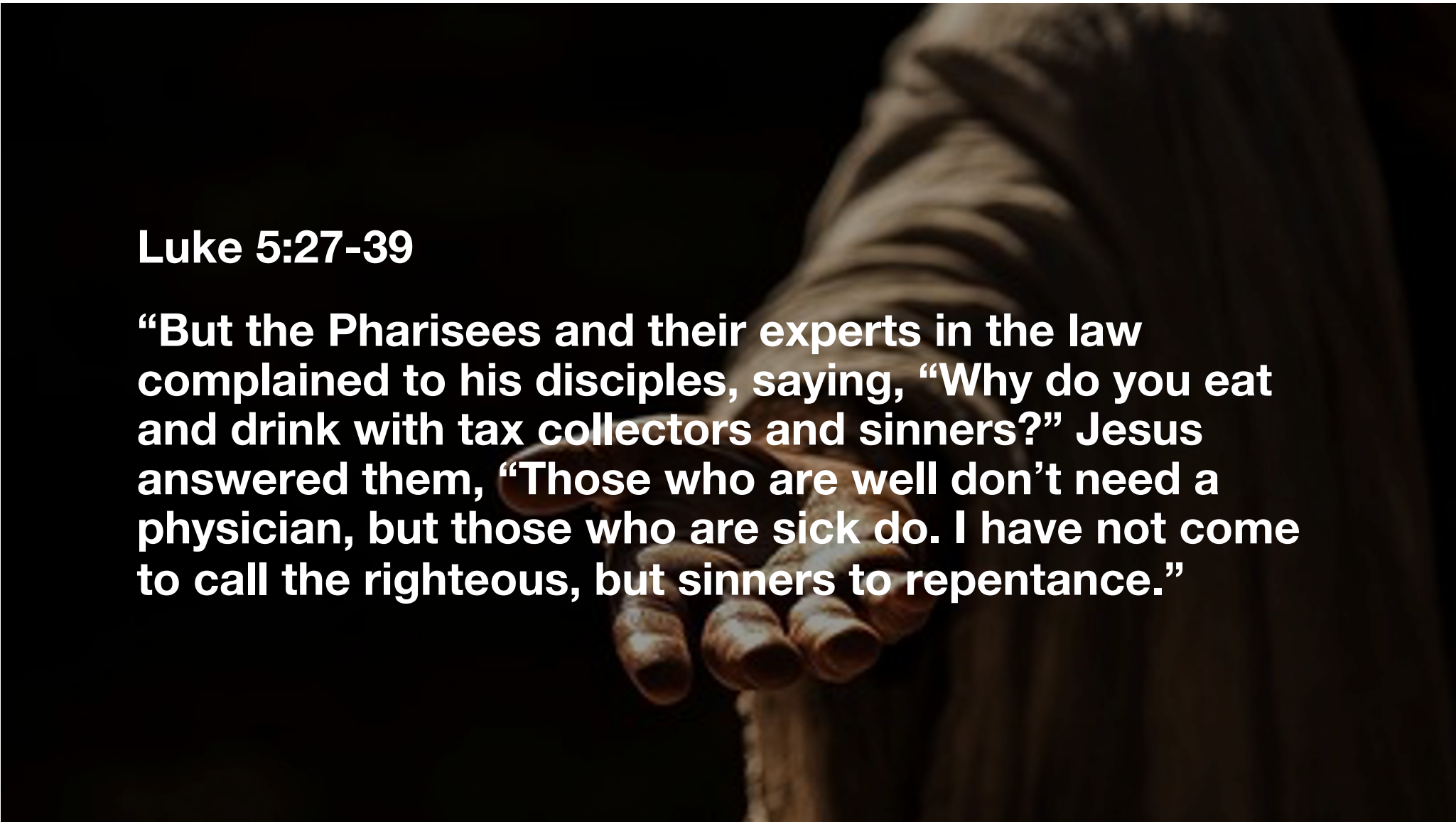
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Luke 5:27-39

“After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax booth. “Follow me,” he said to him. And he got up and followed him, leaving everything behind. Then Levi gave a great banquet in his house for Jesus, and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them.”

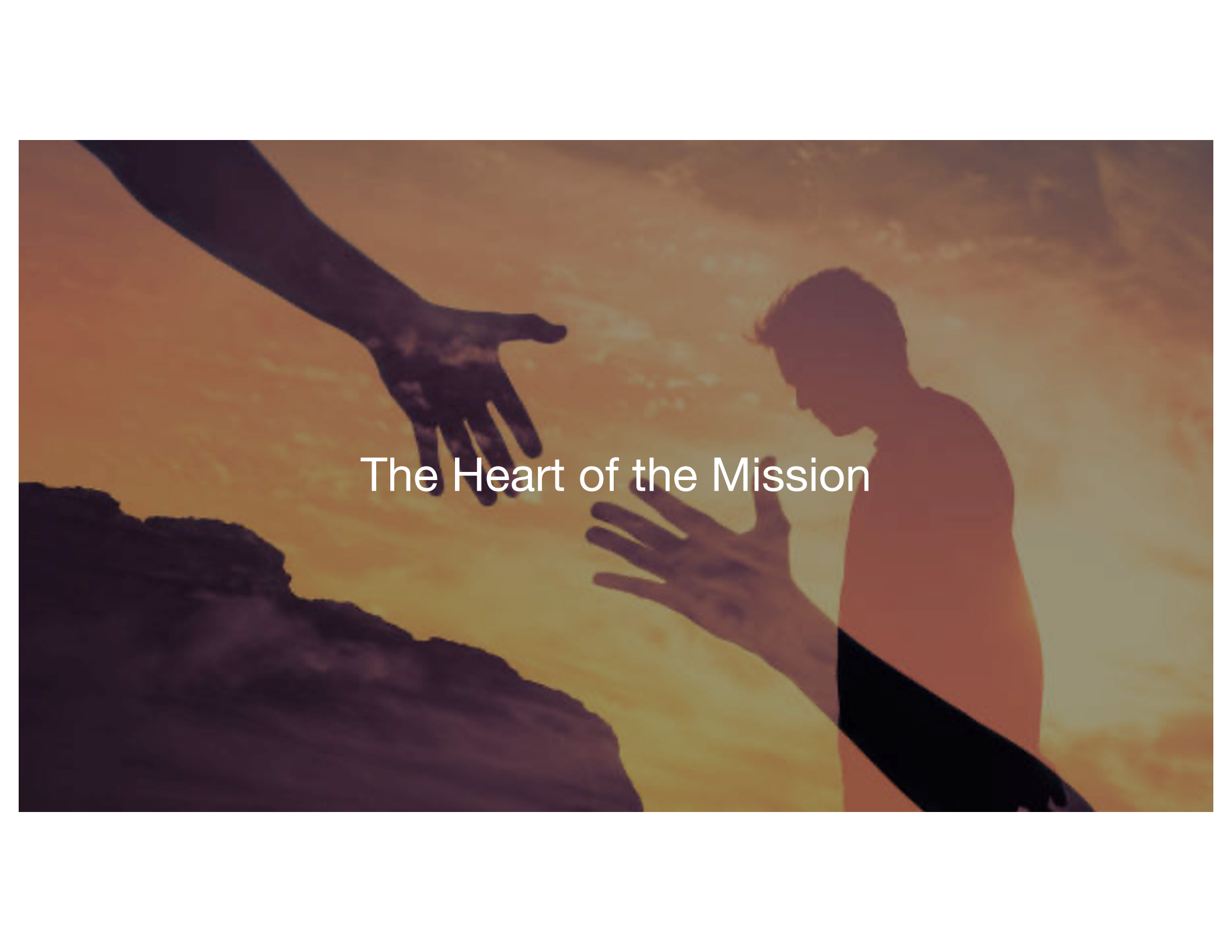


Luke 5:27-39

“But the Pharisees and their experts in the law complained to his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus answered them, “Those who are well don’t need a physician, but those who are sick do. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

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